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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT
CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE, GS, USA
Attention: Collection Branch

SUBJECT: Status Report on ACSI Requirement ID-15-302

REFERENCE: ACSI/CCSE Memo to DCI/GCR, dated 9 August 1957, Control
No. ID-15-302, Subject: Collection of Soviet Bloc Maps
and Mapping Information (Conf)

1. Reference requested that all possible means be exploited to procure a complete set of the 1:100,000-scale map series of Russia, and suggested that our requirement RD C-1157 be revised to reflect the outstanding requirement for this series.

2. Upon receipt of your SRI ID-15-302, the Agency dispatched requirements to selected covert assets re-emphasizing the priority need for the 1:100,000-scale Soviet map series.

3. The preparation of RD C-1157, "Guide Requirements in Soviet Geodesy and Cartography" by the Geography Division, Office of Research and Reports, resulted from detailed study of Soviet geodesy and cartography for a considerable period of time. The number and variety of items listed in the requirement were designed to provide targets of opportunity to collectors throughout the world. It will be noted, however, that the "highest priority" (Attachment B of RD C-1157) is assigned to the procurement of postwar Soviet geodetic control and topographic maps, with all of the scales from 1:500,000 to 1:10,000 listed as equally desirable. In addition, the requirement for postwar maps in all scales, and specifically the 1:100,000-scale series, is included in the IPC List for the Soviet-Bloc.

4. Since Intelligence Information Requirement RD C-1157 was prepared over two years ago, the Geographic Division, GCR, is now in the process of preparing a detailed collection guide, which will outline the organization of the Soviet geodetic and mapping organizations, with particular reference to the central mechanisms guarding access to classified materials and listing the locations and addresses where the Soviet maps are known to be located.

5. The outstanding need for large-scale Soviet topographic maps, emphasized in SRI ID-15-302, adds justification for the extended research devoted to this problem, and supports plans for continuing the time-consuming

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research needed to ferret out the essential details on Soviet mapping personnel and operations. To this end, it is suggested that ACSI also transmit a statement of interest, comparable to SRI ID-15-302, to the National Security Agency to support requirements levied by CIA on that Agency.

6. In order that more effective assistance may be offered to all collectors that are now, or may be involved, in the covert collection of Soviet topographic maps, action has been initiated to call together a procurement advisory group composed of representatives of CIA and Department of Defense components to discuss support need and outline collection priorities. It is anticipated that a working group of substantive experts from all agencies will be created to give technical advice to the procurement advisory group. The initial considerations of the group will relate to:

- a. The establishment of scale priorities;
- b. The establishment of area priorities;
- c. The attachment of monetary values to sheets and groups of sheets according to scale and area priorities.

This attention to priorities and monetary values reflecting a coordinated IAC viewpoint is considered of utmost importance at this time if action towards collection is to be stepped up and properly backstopped.

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Chief, Liaison Division

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